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Public Service Commission of South Carolina

P.O. Box 11649

Columbia, S.C. 29211

Gentlemen:

I hereby request that your Commission deny the **17%** rate increase request by Duke Energy, currently on your docket number **2011-271-E**.

My family exists on a fixed income (retired) and such an increase in my monthly power bill would present untold problems to my husband and me.

We have received no increase in our Social Security monthly checks for over two years and we were looking forward to the proposed 3.6% S.S. increase to help with the increase in health, food and gas prices. Now, we hear that Duke has requested from your Commission a 17% increase in power rates.

Your granting this increase request will destroy our monthly budget which already is stressed. There are no other places or things we can cut further.

I plead with you to deny this outrageous rate increase request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara G. Patterson".

Barbara G. Patterson

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